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NEWS\*\*\*\*\*

## BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 699 now has one tenderfoot, while 18 are full-fledged Scouts. Leaders and their patrols are: Nelson Ahvakana, Kit Carson; Woodrow Ahsogeak, Hopalong Cassidy; Steve Hopson, Jr, Eagles; Leland Leavitt, Pioneers; and Forrest Neakok, Robinson Crusoe.

In May the service project was shovelling snow off the church roof. Service project for June was cleaning up around the church and filling in a large rut with sand.

The troop has taken two hikes about six miles west of the village. Highlight of one hike was when Scoutmaster Burdick fell through the ice into about two feet of lagoon water. It was on this same hike that Lemuel was captured (mentioned elsewhere.)

The boys are now working on campcraft--building fires and such.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

On the first Sunday in July, attendance awards were given out to 60 people. We are now in our third quarter of giving awards, and 20 received third quarter awards. Attendance has been pretty good so far this summer, although many families have moved inland to hunt and fish. We hope that many will be back for our Vacation Bible School the first two weeks in August. After the School here, Rev. Wartes will fly down to Wainwright with some of the staff to hold a VBS there. Lately, he has done quite a bit of flying in the Arctic Messenger, our mission plane.

## FRIDAY BIBLE CLASS

Our Friday Bible Class now meets in the upstairs of the Warehouse. Since school was out, we have had two hour classes at the request of the pupils. Now

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we have room and time for many more activities. Many have earned Bibles or pictures by learning the books of the Bible. So far, ten gimp bracelets have been earned for learning various psalms.

We were especially proud of 13 pupils who left the races and celebration on the Fourth of July to attend class. We had an extra special time that day.

Right now, the class is making a puppet show of the creation. The backgrounds are nearly finished and the puppets are soon to be made.

## LEMUEL LEMMING AND THE IGLOO

Lemuel Lemming scurried down the hallway of his winter igloo. Its ceiling was of dry grass. Lemuel had carefully cut the grass with his sharp tooth. He had burrowed underneath the grass to make the tunnel. It had a room at each end and also several doors.

His bright eyes looked out the door. There were no birds in sight. Outside he ran. His soft brown fur blended with the grass. But if you looked closely, there he was as fat as two mice. No. Oh, poor Lemming! He had no tail. He was an Arctic lemming.

Fast! Fast, Lemuel ran across a patch of snow. Some of the Arctic tundra was still covered with snow. A fat brown lemming was easy to see against the white.

Lemuel listened carefully for a "Yak! Yak!" that told of approaching birds. They flew low along the ground searching. Lemuel had no wish to be caught.

But as he listened, he also dug. He was digging a summer igloo or house. When the snow melted, it would leave his straw house unprotected. Soon the roof would fall in. So Lemuel dug a house in the ground. He used straw to make the bedroom soft.

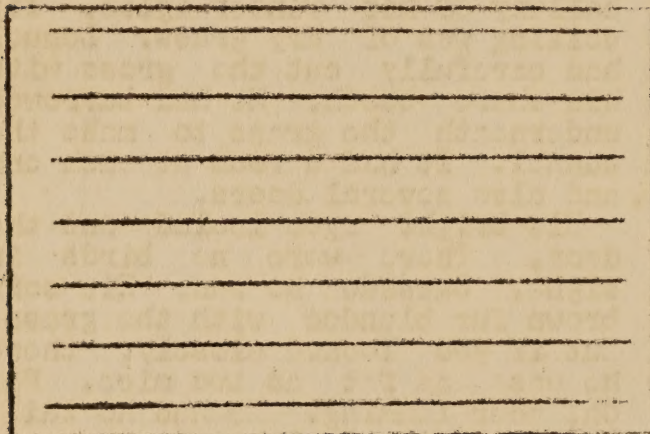
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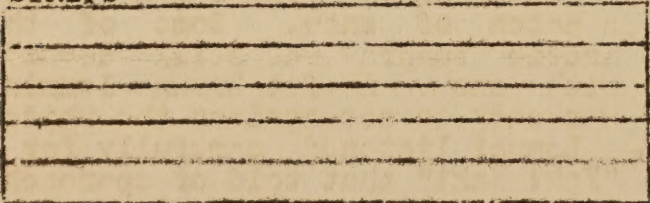
## ESKIMO DESIGNS

Summer boots are decorated by weaving in strips of dyed reindeer skin to form geometric designs. Such designs are easily made on the weaving frame below. Color each of the strips of "reindeer" skin below. The strips are made from skin that has had the hair scraped off, the skin bleached, and then dyed. Color one strip red, one green, one blue, and leave one white. (The Eskimos dye the strips with crepe paper.) Now cut the weaving frame on the lines shown. Then weave the strips into the frame to form designs. One such design is shown. One of our Friday Bible class teachers has this design on the top of her boots done in green woven on white.

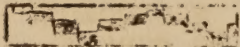
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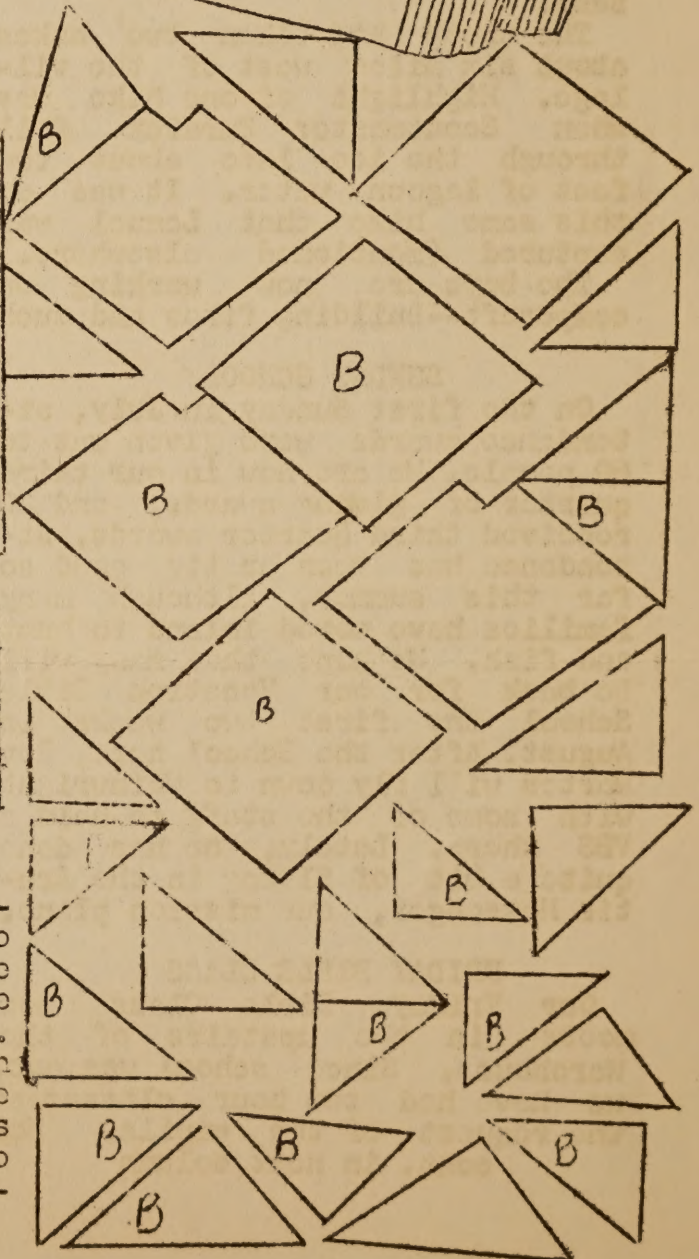
## STRIPS



## SAMPLE

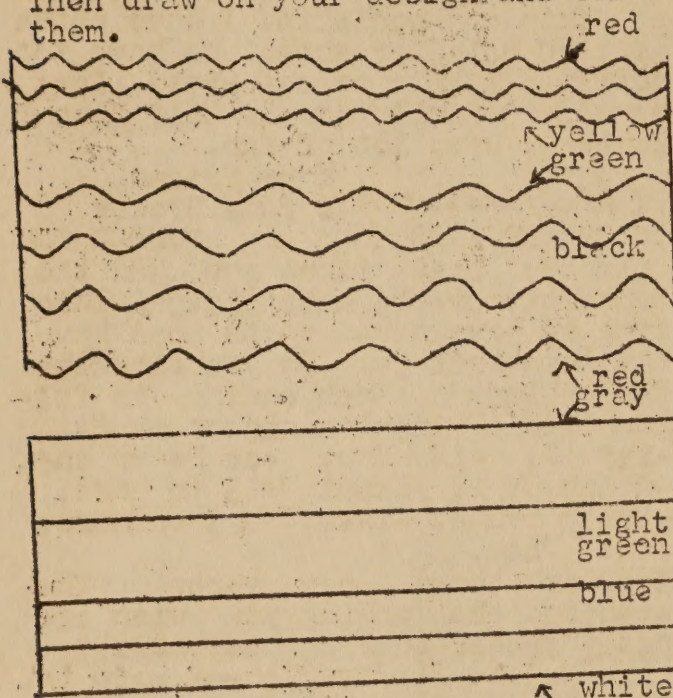


The Eskimos decorate their muklucs in two ways. One way is to sew designs from black and white pieces of calfskin. Decorate the mukluk shown above in this way. Then color the pieces underneath it. Color the ones black that have a B on them. Leave the others white. Put the pieces together to make the design shown on the mukluk.

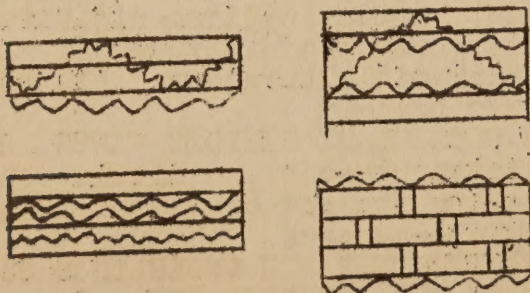




A second way of decorating winter mukluks is by using bias tape and rick rack sewed onto plain cloth backgrounds. This is also the way cloth snowshirts are decorated. Color the paper pieces of bias tape and rick rack. You may make other pieces in many colors. Some will need to be bent to form the diagonal designs. Some will be placed on top of each other so that only a small part of the one underneath shows. See how many of the designs you can copy. Then try to work out new designs of your own. Pick out the design you like best. Trace the winter mukluks without any design on top. Then draw on your design and color them.



FORM THESE DESIGNS



When the house was finished, he peeked out. All was quiet. He hurried back to his old house. "Lemay," he squeaked as he hurried down the hallway. "Lemay, my wife, our summer house is finished. Come and see."

Lemay Lemming crawled out of the nest. It was a large ball of grass, round on all sides. Its doorway was up through the side, around like a ramp, and into a cozy room in the center. Lemay hurried down from this upstairs bedroom.

Suddenly a terrible thing happened. There was a loud noise outside. A giant hand reached down and picked up the bedroom. It belonged to George Burdick.

"Quick, Lemay!" squeaked Lemuel. Run to our new igloo. You'll be safe there."

Down the hallway raced Lemay. Lemuel followed, as fast as a fat Lemming can run. Behind him two fingers carefully lifted the straw roof from the hallway. The fingers lifted the ceiling from the tiny room used only for waste.

Then it lifted the roof from over Lemuel's head. The hand swooped down and gently picked him up. He was too frightened to bite, but he squeaked shrilly.

Plop! Lemuel was safe in George's pocket. It was dark and soft, but lonesome. Lemuel was glad to be lonesome, for that meant Lemay had gotten safely to the new igloo.

Lemuel went home to live with George. He stayed in a box. Once he ran in the living room. There were so many strange things to bump. How Lemuel squealed. After that he stayed in the box. It was easy to have someone get grass and water for him. But Lemuel wanted to go home. He didn't like the light. He tried to hide in the shadowy corners of the box.

One day George opened the box and let Lemuel out. How he hurried over the tundra. Up and down, and through the grass. He scurried into the summer igloo and greeted Lemay happily. Then they snuggled down in the dark and went to sleep in the grass.



*Ugruk hunting. (A) a story poem*

Wesley Aiken went hunting,  
Hunting for an ugruk.  
Far out upon the ice he walked,  
Along the ice he'd look.  
The tractor for the hospital  
Upon the beach was sought.  
And Wesley loaded on its sled  
The three ugruks he caught.  
Oh! Everybody hurry,  
And run, run, run!  
Bring camera and ulu  
To Wesley's for the gun.  
You ladies with the ulus  
Will skin and cut the three,  
While inexperienced visitors  
Will photograph with glee.

This happened July 5. My how fat the ugruks were! How skillfully the women cut. The ugruk looks something like a seal. These were silvery colored. They had large bristles on their noses! At the top of the story is a picture of an ulu (pronounced ooloo.) It is used for cutting and the round blade is very sharp. Some of the ladies who worked on the church last week rounded corners of the boards with an ulu.

Dear boys and girls:

Here it is July, and the second issue of our Jr. Bulletin is due. There was a big beach celebration on the Fourth of July. There were races and prizes. Girl Scouts had a Kool Aid stand. There was a big baseball game in the evening. It was a nice day. Many pieces of ice broke off, out on the ocean, and floated away. Currently, the ice is all gone.

ATTENTION COLLECTORS: We have been cleaning out the attic and found some things you might like. There is a slight charge for post age, and it's first letter, first choice. Send ten cents postage for all but the records and rocks. Allow two cents for these. We have: skin samples of reindeer and seal, baleen, records of Eskimo Sunday School lessons made by teachers with English references, pressed local flowers, rocks and two rein

deer ears. These are just meant to excite your interest. They show something of the way of life here.

Lorraine Burdick

Dear boys and girls:

I am 9 years old. I have a kitty. My sister's cat is at our grandmother. My home is big. We go fishing in the summer. This is all I have to say.

Your friend,  
Stanley Brower

Dear friends:

I am a girl, age 11. After Bible School I wrote to friends. My house is white with green roof. It has one upstairs and 12 rooms counting two halls. It's made of wood.

My men can make Eskimo boots with calfskin and sealskin. I have parka made of reindeer skin. We have ice cellar. I like to eat whale. Last summer my family go to Half Moon & I always have lot of fun.

Your friend,  
(Stanley's sister) Dorcas Brower

AN ESKIMO LESSON NUMBER TWO

In the last issue you had the transitive verb, nakuagigiga. This time we have more verbs that have the same endings. Do you remember the endings? Each ending is followed by a singular object or it.

-iga I, -iñ You, -aa He or she,  
-ikpuk We 2, -ikput We 3 or more,  
-iksik You 2, -iksi You 3 or more,  
-aat They.

Here are three new verbs. The stem and the ending you wish are put together to form one word.

Ilisimag- Ilisimagiga--I know it.

Tautukk- Tautukkiga--I see it.

Pigig- Pigigiga--I hold it.

Can you translate these sentences?  
Billy tautukkaa angun. Ilisimagaa angun. Angun pigigaa niglikturuk. Billy tautukkaa niglikturuk. Angun ukaktuk niglikturukmun, "Ilisimagikpuk Billy."

NEW VOCABULARY BESIDES VERBS ABOVE:  
Niglikturuk--baby, little child.  
-mun-(on the end of a word) to, at.  
Ukaktuk--he says.

REMEMBER THAT THE UNDERLINED SYLLABLE IS THE ACCENTED ONE. From lesson one: angun--man; nukatpiak--boy; nuviaksiak--girl; agnak--woman.

A walrus was just caught that weighed 2156 pounds.



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HALLOWEEN

Five new boys have been added to Barrow Troop 699. Two more have passed their Tenderfoot requirements. Nelson Ahvakana and Billy Leavitt earned official BS shirts for being the first two. Leslie Itta is the third Tenderfoot.

Seven boys earned service project credit by planning and leading the children's Halloween party.

The first Friday in November, Scouts invited their dads to see what the troop was like. Woodrow Ahsogpak and Nelson Ahvakana prepared coffee and cocoa for the meeting.

The troop has now begun work toward Carpentry Merit Badges. Lumber will be available from the Navy Camp scrap pile at Point Barrow. However, the boys will have to haul it to the village by dog sled.

## GIRL SCOUTS

Troops 1 and 2 of the Barrow Girl Scouts are busy adding new members to fill the places of old members who have dropped out. There are now about 15 girls in each troop under four leaders and a Scout committee.

The girls are eagerly at work earning money to buy uniforms and handbooks. They are making cotton print snowshirts for dolls of all sizes. NADINES, a Fairbanks shop, has agreed to sell these for the girls without deducting any charge from the receipts of a dollar per snowshirt. Mrs. Thomas Brower (Kate) is in charge of the two groups. Other leaders and committeewomen include the Mosdames Bertha Leavitt, Marie Brower Lucy Ahvakana and Mary Avcoanna. Rhoda Kaleak is the proud wearer of a one year star.

The Sunday School had parties for all ages on Friday, October 31. There were two parties each at 7:30 and 9:30. Boy Scouts led a children's party in the old and new sanctuaries. Teen-agers went through a hall of horrors at the Burdicks-warehouse and then on to the Wartos-mansio for games and refreshments. The young people met at 9:30 at the community hall. After some games, they made a chain that ran to Burdicks, thru the hall of horrors, and paused for refreshments. Adults had a fine time at the church during the second period, which included a peanut hunt. Although a total of 208 came to the party, some of the twenty-five gallons of Kool-Aid was left. Two Scouts spent three hours popping corn.

## THANKSGIVING FEAST

Thanksgiving and Christmas at Barrow are alike in many ways. A church service occupies the hour before noon. About 2 in the afternoon everyone gathers in the community hall for a pot-luck feast. In other years raw frozen muktuk has been the biggest joy. There is no muktuk this year since no whales were caught. There will be raw frozen fish, caribou or duck soup and stew, as well as many foods you eat. Perhaps 50 teakettles will bring water for tea and coffee. Everyone takes some leftover food home to eat, and we'll bring home fish to cook. At Christmas there is usually some program and a general gift exchange, dating from the time when the mission provided food and gifts for the villagers. This year, as last, we of the mission will distribute religious calendars. Since the BULLETIN won't be

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## TOMCOD JIGGING

Halloween week was fishing week at Barrow. Boys and girls would rush from school to the ice. Holes about 6 or 7 inches in diameter were chipped in the ocean ice close to the shore. As more ice formed on the water in the hole, it was scooped out with spoons or cans.

Many schools of tomcod were passing by under the ice. Three kinds of jigging lines were used to catch them. Some of the children were using bent pins on strings. Standard lure was a piece of red string tied to the hook. Single hooks were swallowed by the fish, but the other two kinds of lines used more hooks and were jigged up and down to snag the fish. These caught two or three at a time. The fish were five to eight inches long.

While George visited with one of the church elders for ten minutes, he added twenty-five fish to his catch. A day's catch ranged from several dozen to several hundred. The tomcod are eaten raw or boiled. Rumor says that eating a raw frozen tomcod is like eating a crunchy potato chip.

The same elder, Floyd Ahvakana, made George a single hook tackle. It has a round stick two feet long. The black baloon (from the whale's mouth) line is just over two feet long and joins a gut-like leader made from the tendon of a goose's wing. The hook is a carved piece of brass with the usual red string on it. When not in use, the hook is anchored in a notch on the stick. (Next time you have a fish pond at a carnival, why not make a small platform with a hold in the middle and fish through the "ice" in Eskimo style?)



Here is a picture of the Tuesday Bible Class

A new class has been added so that there are now three. Within a few weeks a fourth will start. Teachers are Lillian Bradford, Mary Jane Ahkinga, and Mrs. Burdick. Of the twenty-five who started the class last winter, ten are ready to start on book 4. Since then, four new groups have started but have later combined into the three present groups.

The Tuesday evening period has been occupied with chenillecraft, casting and making pictures.

## THANKSGIVING FEAST—from page one.

out again until after Christmas, I will mention a few other items that really belong to December. We and the Wartes, as well as some of the other people, will be getting our Christmas trees by air freight or mail. There will be a tree in the church, as well as some other decorations. This year, Christmas eve is prayer meeting night. How very appropriate! Unfortunately the men who work for the Navy Base will work all day on Thanksgiving and Christmas. The school will have an evening Christmas program. The hospital will have a tree in  
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THANKSGIVING FEAST from page 2.  
the corridor. Yes, Christmas in Barrow will be much like yours. We are sure to have snow, for some of the drifts are twelve feet deep already. Eskimo children do not hang up their stockings--I rather suspect they wear them to bed. We wish each other Merry Christmas in Eskimo. A Kuvianaktuak Kuzaisinag-nik to you.

## PLAYING ESKIMO

See the lady walking by  
With baby on her back  
Inside her parka snug and warm  
Where it is very black.

See the belt around her waist  
That holds the baby in.  
See, the boots upon her feet  
Are mukluks of sealskin.

I want to be an Eskimo.  
Please, mother, take my doll;  
Now fix this shawl with daddy's  
belt  
So dolly will not fall.

I'll use my rubbers as mukluks,  
This shawl will parka be.  
I'll bounce my baby up and down.  
I'm an Eskimo mother, see.



## AN ESKIMO LESSON

NUMBER 4

In this lesson we will learn to decline a noun. Many but not all nouns in the Eskimo are declined as follows:

One	Two	More than 2
Atuun	Atuutik	Atuutit Nom.
Atuutin	Atuutik	Atuutit Pos.

The nominative form is used as a subject or object of the verb. A possessive is used to show that something belongs to the noun. In English, this is usually shown by the apostrophe (Mary's book.) The pattern of declining nouns is as follows:

Stem	Base plus K	Base & T
Base & M	Same as above	Same

In the vocabulary, the first two forms will be given. With the word Atuun atuutik, Atuuti is the base to which k, t, and n are added. You may always find the base by removing the k from the second form of the noun given in the vocabulary, just as we took k from Atuutik to get the base, Atuuti.

## VOCABULARY:

Atuun, atuutik--song  
Kuviasuun, kuviasuutik--joy.  
Piluun, piluutik--sin.  
Anun, anutik--man.  
Igloo, igloo k--house.  
Agnak, agnak--woman.  
Migliktuuk, migliktuuk--baby.  
Migliktuk, migliktuk--child.  
Nuviaksiak, nuviaksiak--girl (teen age.)  
Nuviaksiazuk, nuviaksiazook, nuviaksiazuk--little girl. \*  
Nukatpiak, nukatpiak--boy (teenage)  
Nukatpiazuk, nukatpiazook, nukatpi-  
azuk--boy under teenage. \*  
Ukaluk, ukalook, ukaluic--word. \*  
Ikaluk, ikalook, ikaluic--fish. \*  
Ahtauzuk, ahtauzuk--older sister.  
Anikatauzuk, anikatauzuk--brother  
or sister.  
Uniak, uniak--boat. (certain type  
like a large canoe, made of skins  
on a frame.)  
Atigi, atigik--parka.  
See if you can supply the missing  
forms to decline each noun. The  
possessives for two and more than  
two are the same as the nomina-  
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AN ESKIMO LESSON continued  
tives, so this should be easy.  
Just remove the k from the second  
form of each noun and substitute  
in turn t, n, k, and t. Write  
out each word.  
Three forms of four starred  
words are given because the third  
form is irregular. Form 2 is  
still the base & k of our pattern.  
Now write the following: the  
girl's parka, the little boy's  
fish, the baby's little brother,  
the woman's song, the man's boat,  
I know a song. See how many of  
the words you can put together.  
Can you say: two words, two fish,  
one man, two women? Remember,  
that the number is a part of the  
noun, although separate numbers  
can be used if they are necessary.  
In the next lesson, we will  
learn how to put other verbs with  
our nouns. Practice, so you will  
be ready.

## A PUZZLE

Weasel, alligator, cat, jeep,  
lamb Which word in that list  
does not belong there?

Now, I'm pretty sure you will  
guess that jeep is the out-of-  
place word, but boys and girls  
in Barrow wouldn't. They would  
say, "Anyone knows that lamb is  
the word that doesn't belong.  
All the others are things to ride  
in."

I'm sure you boys have caught  
on. Remember those vehicles  
that the armed forces have made  
famous? Many of them have been  
put to good use up here. Until  
these means of transportation  
were introduced, the sled in  
winter and the boat in summer  
were the only ways one could  
travel in the Arctic. Now you  
can often hear the roar of the  
noisy weasel, jeep, tractor (cat),  
alligator, or airplane all the  
year around.

Bonnie Wartes



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## BOY SCOUTS

On February 13, Troop 699 of the Barrow Boy Scouts held their local version of the All-Alaska Boy Scout Rally. The boys made invitation tags of wood for their parents.

The Rally was a typical evening program beginning with roll call by patrols. One of the visiting fathers was asked to join Senior Patrol Leader Leslie Itta and the Scoutmaster in troop inspection. Billy Leavitt led the drill. After several boys nearly bumped each other, those who disobeyed commands had to sit on the floor until only two were left.

Games divided up the more serious parts of the meetings. Horse and rider, the first interlude, involved boys on the shoulders of other boys: one on one, one on two, and two on one. Object of the game is to pull down other riders without being unseated. This was indeed a wild game that had relatives gasping and cheering. All agreed that the boys had learned to fall gracefully, even from such heights.

For patrol corners, the troop settled down to learn artificial respiration. Patrol leaders had been previously instructed at their Tuesday afternoon meeting. Still, everyone needed a great deal of practice. Most of them seemed to be kneading bread or shaking rugs, yet there were always willing victims.

Family members nearly had hysterics when the Scouts began "Blindfolded Boxing." The weapon is a stuffed long stocking and all opponents (any number) are blindfolded. Most carefully-aimed blows miss; sometimes the stockings flow away; but oftenest, the boys swung so hard that they spun round and round if they missed. Two boys lined up back to back for a duel. As

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## SANCTUARY

For some time, it has been planned to dedicate Barrow's new sanctuary at Easter this year. The people (and Bill and George especially) are working diligently toward this. However, many difficulties are being encountered daily. Details of construction are presenting problems and materials are short. We had hoped at Easter to welcome the Moderator, the Secretary for Work in Alaska, and the Field Representative, but it now looks as though they will not make it either.

Every night except Sunday and Wednesday, crews of men are hard at work. They have recently built the platform for pulpit, choir loft and organ. They installed doors and put on the ceiling. Each week the evening crew which gets the most done is chosen, and Bonnie Wartes serves them fresh doughnuts the next week.

Three afternoons a week the ladies turn out and accomplish amazing tasks. This is their substitute for a sewing circle, and they wield no mean hammer. They have put on the knotty pine wainscoting and are now laying the insulated floor.

Boy Scouts work on Monday and Thursday after school and on Saturday afternoon. They are joined by enthusiastic younger folks. It takes more of them to do a man's job (sometimes) but they often do. They have dug lumber out of the snow (we've no other place to store it), moved lumber inside, put on some of the ceiling plywood, and put on one of the finishing straps that crosses the curved ceiling. Yet to do are wiring, ceiling insulation, tiling on floor, seven more corbals, further ceiling strapping and much more.



## GIRL SCOUTS

Mrs. Sadie Neakok has become new assistant leader with the Barrow Girl Scouts. The girls have completed sixty-five print snowshirts (doll-size copies of their own) which were sold as a favor by a dry goods shop in Fairbanks, Alaska. Receipts from the snowshirts will be used to buy handbooks and uniforms for a group of girls who has recently joined the two troops.

Below is a picture of one of the snowshirts that the Girl Scouts made. Can you color it?



Also on this page you will find a photograph of Barrow in March. It looks north to the frozen-over ocean and shows Mrs. Neakok's home on the left (the big house.) The flag pole is the one just in the front of the manse.

BOY SCOUTS cont. from page 1  
the count began, one gently grasped the other's stocking. When they turned, he held it tightly and began clubbing wildly. Luckily, the stockings are not hard, but sometimes the boys get bloody noses.

After relays of tying knots, the boys gave a tumbling demonstration. There was a rush to patrol benches for parkas. Evidently, the hoods are good padding for their flips and sommersaults.

Leaders in the troop had been making a large badge with detachable parts of plywood. To close the meeting, Scouts took turns adding a part to the badge and explaining its meaning.

"Scouts dismissed" --until the next Sunday when they attended church and again displayed their wooden badge.

## TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Attendance has continued high as the class began its second year last month. According to schedule, two of the four classes will have completed their Old Testament lessons by this Thanksgiving.

Evening sessions have included adventures in stamp collecting. Some of the boys and girls who are Scouts are working for merit badges in stamp collecting. Four of these won stamp prizes in a recent "What's My Name" contest.

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## TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS from page 2

On March 10, Howard Hein who works at the Navy Base showed colored slides which he has taken during some years in Barrow. How the boys and girls enjoyed pictures of each other which Howard had taken several years ago. In one evening we went gold dredging, oil drilling, walrus hunting, whaling, and cut up tons of meat (all in pictures.) The boys and girls also enjoyed some pictures of Stateside flower parades and scenery.

## MEET THE ANS HOSPITAL

In an interview with Miss Dorothy Bennett, R. N. and head nurse at Barrow, many interesting items were learned about the hospital. It is operated by the Alaska Native Service with government appropriations. There are 4 wards plus nursery, operating room, sterilizing room, kitchen, laundry, clinic room, dental laboratory and x-ray rooms. It takes three nurses, 6 aides, 7 maintenance men, dentist and wife, 3 kitchen helpers and two laundry ladies to keep it running efficiently--all for 16 beds with clinic and dental services.

At present, an x-ray technician is here from Tanana and she is working hard also.

You met the dentist, Dr. Lathrop, last issue of the JUNIOR BARROW BULLETIN. Now we'd like to introduce the two other RN's Connie Matuzik and Mary Otter. Mr. Thompson, chief engineer or supervisor of maintenance, arrived on February 13 from Bristol Bay. He will be joined in June by his wife and two daughters (close to Meredith Wartes' age, so there is great rejoicing at the manse.) During the interview, Mr. Thompson was holding a paintbrush (yes, one end was painting radiators.) Since his arrival, he has put a beautiful shiny coat of paint on parts of the hospital interior and he plans many other repairs. He continued in second column

dropped the staggering tid-bit that men must make three trips a week to get radiation ice for the hospital (not due to atomic energy, but to keep the radiators and laundry going) as well as one weekly trip for drinking water ice. (It makes us of the mission feel a bit small, for we bought enough ice last fall from the Native Store to last us through the year. It was only two loads.)

Separate from the hospital proper are quarters for nurses (5 rooms), an apartment for a doctor, a small house for the maintenance supervisor and many outbuildings for coal, power, storage, and such.

Doctor-on-call for the hospital is John V. Sanovic who resides at the Navy Base.

Miss Bennett has many duties, one of which is the broadcasting with the hospital radio set to Meade River, Wainwright, and Point Lay (mentioned last issue) when the weather is co-operative.

We of the mission wish to commend the complete hospital staff for their hard work and great service to the people of Barrow. They are most co-operative, both among themselves and with others. We are glad for the opportunity of working with them--and visiting, also.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DOUBLE FEATURE

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## BOY SCOUTS

On February 13, Troon 699 of the Barrow Boy Scouts held their local version of the All-Alaska Boy Scout Rally. The boys made invitation tags of wood for their parents.

The Rally was a typical evening program beginning with roll call by patrols. One of the visiting fathers was asked to join Senior Patrol Leader L. Lie Iitta and the Scoutmaster in troop inspection. Billy Leavitt led the drill. After several boys nearly bumped each other, those who disobeyed commands had to sit on the floor until only two were left.

Games divided up the more serious parts of the meetings. Horse and rider, the first interlude, involved boys on the shoulders of other boys: one on one, one on two, and two on one. Object of the game is to pull down other riders without being unseated. This was indeed a wild game that had relatives gasping and cheering. All agreed that the boys had learned to fall gracefully, even from such heights.

For patrol corners, the troop settled down to learn artificial respiration. Patrol leaders had been previously instructed at their Tuesday afternoon meeting. Still, everyone needed a great deal of practice. Most of them seemed to be kneading bread or shaking rugs, yet there were always willing victims.

Family members nearly had hysterics when the Scouts began "Blindfolded Boxing." The weapon is a stuffed long stocking and all opponents (any number) are blindfolded. Most carefully-aimed blows miss; sometimes the stockings flew away; but oftenest, the boys swung so hard that they spun round and round if they missed. Two boys lined up back to back for a duel. As

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## SANCTUARY

For some time, it has been planned to dedicate Barrow's new sanctuary at Easter this year. The people (and Bill and George especially) are working diligently toward this. However, many difficulties are being encountered daily. Details of construction are presenting problems and materials are short. We had hoped at Easter to welcome the Moderator, the Secretary for Work in Alaska, and the Field Representative, but it now looks as though they will not make it either.

Every night except Sunday and Wednesday, crews of men are hard at work. They have recently built the platform for pulpit, choir loft and organ. They installed doors and put on the ceiling. Each week the evening crew which gets the most done is chosen, and Bonnie Wartes serves them fresh doughnuts the next week.

Three afternoons a week the ladies turn out and accomplish amazing tasks. This is their substitute for a sewing circle, and they wield no mean hammer. They have put on the knotty pine wainscoting and are now laying the insulated floor.

Boy Scouts work on Monday and Thursday after school and on Saturday afternoon. They are joined by enthusiastic younger folks. It takes more of them to do a man's job (sometimes) but they often do. They have dug lumber out of the snow (we've no other place to store it), moved lumber inside, put on some of the ceiling plywood, and put on one of the finishing straps that crosses the curved ceiling. Yet to do are wiring, ceiling insulation, tiling on floor, seven more corbals, further ceiling strapping and much more.



## GIRL SCOUTS

Mrs. Sadie Neakok has become new assistant leader with the Barrow Girl Scouts. The girls have completed sixty-five print snowshirts (doll-size copies of their own) which were sold as a favor by a dry goods shop in Fairbanks, Alaska. Receipts from the snowshirts will be used to buy handbooks and uniforms for a group of girls who has recently joined the two troops.

Below is a picture of one of the snowshirts that the Girl Scouts made. Can you color it?



Also on this page you will find a photograph of Barrow in March. It looks north to the frozen-over ocean and shows Mrs. Neakok's home on the left (the big house.) The flag pole is the one just in the front of the manse.

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the count began, one gently grasped the other's stocking. When they turned, he held it tightly and began clubbing wildly. Luckily, the stockings are not hard, but sometimes the boys get bloody noses.

After relays of tying knots, the boys gave a tumbling demonstration. There was a rush to patrol benches for parkas. Evidently, the hoods are good padding for their flips and sommersaults.

Leaders in the troop had been making a large badge with detachable parts of plywood. To close the meeting, Scouts took turns adding a part to the badge and explaining its meaning.

"Scouts dismissed" --until the next Sunday when they attended church and again displayed their patch badge.

## TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Attendance has continued high as the class began its second year last month. According to schedule, two of the four classes will have completed their Old Testament lessons by this Thanksgiving.

Evening sessions have included adventures in stamp collecting. Some of the boys and girls who are Scouts are working for merit badges in stamp collecting. Four of these won stamp prizes in a recent "What's My Name" contest.

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## SANCTUARY

Easter has passed into a glorious memory, but Barrow must share it with our friends. Easter morning the new sanctuary was dedicated. It is not finished, and a loyal few labored late Saturday night to make it usable. They put new pews together, fixed wiring, and installed the new organ.

Dr. Hermann N. Morse and Dr. J. Earl Jackman participated in the Dedication which began with an assembly in the old church. After a choir processional and call to worship, the congregation followed the choir into the new sanctuary. Arrigaa! It is so big and light.

To Thee, most glorious God, we dedicate this sanctuary. May it remind us all to assemble and worship Thee and to serve Thee with undivided hearts.

A painting of Christ in Gethsemane hangs behind the altar. On either side are hangings of maroon and grey, matching the choir robes. How the ladies labored to make the robes and drapes. How proud each choir member is of his white stole and its colored stripes for years of service.

## TBC NEWS

The Tuesday Bible Class meets in the upstairs warehouse again. Frost has all dripped from inside the roof and the air is warmer, so the class meets in comfort. Boys and girls are collecting Bible picture cards awarded for attendance and bringing a Bible. Part of the class is a branch of the David C. Cook Foundation IAH Club. Recently, the club has been using the old church building for roller skating parties. Most wear skin boots, so the skates are laced to the boots with twill tape. The floor is ragged and hard, but Oh! The fun. Two pillars for the balcony provide a much-used hold for rounding corners.

About ten of our Bible Class joined the church on Good Friday evening. For them, as others, it was hard to appear before the session and then come before the whole congregation accompanied only by an elder. Each gave his salvation verse. Then to climax

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TBC NEWS continued the thrill and joy, each took his first communion Easter evening in a solemn service in the new sanctuary. It was a real blessing for all. New pews--new sanctuary--first communion as a symbol of new unity with Christ and His church, Barrow Presbyterian Branch.

#### VBS ON A CAMPING TRIP

This summer, VBS goes to Meade River. They have never had a Vacation Bible School at M.R. and are very excited. Rev. Wartes will use the mission plane to fly Burdicks and supplies to the coal mine village for a two week stay. One of the chief supplies will be mosquito repellent, but there will also be school supplies, tent, bedding, and food. It will be a time of concentrated work and study among these people who visit Barrow irregularly. The mission is grateful for this opportunity to reach out further. Last year Wainwright had its first VBS and will manage this year without our help. This summer will be Barrow's third such school. Now the reach is to Meade River. Sometime soon we hope Barter Island will be added to the list. We hope that the expense will not be too great with our new school. Pray that the Vacation Bible School at Meade River may be a great blessing to the people and a glory to God. If possible, the next JUNIOR BARROW BULLETIN will come "from location" at Meade River.

#### ANSWERING YOUR LETTERS

"Dear Sir: Please tell me all about Alaska."

We get many letters like this. Unfortunately, we do not know all about Alaska. But we can recommend these items to help you learn more about Barrow. The authentic craft items are made by the people to support themselves. When requested, we will enclose a description of the materials used. Do any of these items interest you?

see next column

ESKIMO DOLLS-\$5.00. Dolls are either from Anaktuvuk Pass or Barrow. Bodies are of skin, clothing is the traditional parka and mukluks. Anaktuvuk dolls are more primitive with mountain sheep parkas and willow-dyed caribou trim. Please state which locale of doll you prefer. All are 6 to ten inches high. Please add 50¢ postage.

MINIATURE MUKLUKS-\$1.00 a pair. These are about 1½ to 2 inches high, exact miniatures of big mukluks with seal or caribou soles, calfskin tops and various trims. Please add 25¢ postage for 2 pairs.

MINIATURE DRUMS-\$3.00 postpaid. Flat drums with stick. Handles are ivory, tone is treble. Four inch diameter, off-round drum.

COLOR SLIDES-25¢ each postpaid. Sixteen different slides of Barrow are now available with descriptions. They show hunting, people, fishing, drummers, and other local scenes including cutting up a whale. Any number slides alike or different.

BABY SIZE MUKLUKS-\$3.50 postage paid. These are exactly like the mukluks worn by Eskimo babies here. They are extremely attractive and make a nice baby gift.

Anyone who is interested in the above items may order through Mrs. Loraine Burdick, Presbyterian Mission, Barrow, Alaska.

#### TOYS

Did you ever wonder what the Eskimo boys and girls used to play with besides dolls before they could buy toys? Such toys are still used at Anaktuvuk Pass. A feather or light piece of fur (like rabbit) is tied to a string. Pulled along behind the child in the air it becomes a bird or plane. On the ground it is a bear, wolf, caribou or even a squirrel. Rev. Wartes reports that Anaktuvuk boys and girls are enchanted by their toys.

#### ODE TO THE THAW

Little drops of water  
That got out of hand  
Make a mighty ocean  
Out of Barrow's land.



## VACATION CHURCH-BUILDING SCHOOL

Herman jumped out of bed. Then he turned to drag out his brother Riley.

"Hurry," he said. "Today Vacation Church School begins."

Both boys dressed quickly and got dry cereal from the cupboard for breakfast. They hurried, although Church School did not begin until afternoon. They had promised their mother to go after snow before noon.

The two Eskimo boys hitched two dogs to their small sled. It was early July and nearly all the snow was melted at Barrow, Alaska. Nevertheless, the dogs' could help pull the sled and both boys would help push.

Riley got a large kettle from the house and Herman brought the dishpan. They put these on the sled and started out.

On the west side of the village were high cliffs. They furnished shade from the never warm sun. In their shadow there was still some snow. It was here the boys went to fill their pans. It was a long trip both ways, but at last they returned with pans of snow. It would be melted and left to settle. Then there would be fresh water to drink.

After a quick lunch, the boys hurried to the church.

"Get in line behind me!" shouted Riley at the church door.

Boys and girls gathered noisily. While waiting for the bell to be rung, Herman stared at the old white church. Then he turned to the unfinished new church.

"I wish I could help build the church," he thought. "Father always helps when he isn't hunting. But it goes so slowly."

Just then, the bell rang. Everyone marched excitedly into the church. They sat down quietly while the minister began to talk about the week's sessions.

Herman was glad they would learn verses from the Bible. He had a Bible which he would bring.

Perhaps he could read some of the Bible stories in class. He was glad there would be milk and jam-covered pilot bread after the games.

"Flannelgraph story and a puppet show..." he heard the missionary-minister say.

How Herman's eyes sparkled. Then he nearly fell off the bench in his excitement for the minister was looking right at him as he spoke.

"You older boys and girls will spend your activity period working on the new church. Each shingle has been put on the roof with few nails. Bring your hammers so you can nail down the edges of the shingles," he said.

Herman sat back with a satisfied smile. Vacation Church School was going to be great fun. And at last he, Herman Ahtuanguaruk, could help build the new church. He began to pound on his knee excitedly.

## BARROW BITS

The appearance of Barrow is changing. Besides the new school (yet unfinished) there is the thaw (also unfinished.) Snow is ragged and very dirty, but it is slowly melting when more snow isn't falling.

The people look different too. When Dr. Jackman was here at Easter his interpreter was much whiter than he was. Now the glare of sun on snow is browning all who are outdoors.

(The boys are wearing nail polish too, which suggests that perhaps spring has sprung.)

Two weeks ago boys and girls eagerly watched the snowbirds return. The birds' delicate singing makes the dogs sound barbarian. The birds look fat and well-fed--but the people are jolly well-filled too with whaling so successful. TO this hour, fourteen whales have been shot, but one is still caught under the ice.

Attendance at church, Sunday School and school is down because of whaling season, but the harvest is plentiful and laborers must go



BARROW BITS continued  
out. Crew members spend some time in the village and many manage to attend a part of the church services. The people are not forgetting the God who has given so very bountifully this year. By request, "The Eskimo Thank You Song" was sung in Sunday School. All boys and girls and many adults joined together, "God gives to us the great big whales..." and so they thank Him.

There's a sign up in the post office offering \$400 for a pair of polar bear cubs for a zoo. As yet, no one has gotten any alive. It is the season for finding them while hunting whales or other food.

Both missionary babies are learning  
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#### A WHALING POEM

A flag is coming! A flag is coming!  
The word is shouted from home to home;

A flag is coming! A flag is coming!  
The cheers can be heard almost to Nome.

A whale has been killed! A whale has been killed!  
The dog team is running as fast as it can;  
A whale has been killed! A whale has been killed!  
The word is brought to each child, woman, and man.

Fred's crew got a whale! Fred's crew got a whale!  
To the top of the house a man climbs quickly;  
Fred's crew got a whale! Fred's crew got a whale!  
The flag is tied high for all to see.

We must all go to see! We must all go to see!  
It is not long ere the village is deserted;  
We must all go to see! We must all go to see!  
Not even a school child from this joy is diverted.

Pull hard on the rope! Pull hard on the rope!  
A hundred or more hands are needed this day;  
Pull hard on the rope! Pull hard on the rope!  
A whale is hauled up on the ice this way.

Take out your knife! Take out your knife!  
Everyone's hungry for the first taste;  
Take out your knife! Take out your knife!  
The job of dividing is now to be faced.

How wonderfully good! How wonderfully good!  
For an Eskimo this food just can't be beat;  
How wonderfully good! How wonderfully good!  
"This muktuk," he says, "Is ready to eat."

Bonnie Wartes

ning to sing--tune is more recognizable than words. I hope it is no discredit to us that while Martha Wartes learns "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," Gloria Burdick sings "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

I just visited a bit with a mother whose husband is on a crew that got a whale this morning. She had made cupcakes for lunch, then gone outdoors to get ice. She saw someone running in with a flag and found it was her husband's crew. In her excitement she stayed out doors for about twenty minutes rejoicing, shouting, and visiting. When she came back inside the house, the two little boys were playing on the floor. "Here, whale," one boy would say. Then he would toss a cupcake across the floor for their play whale to eat. "Here, whale." And they'd feed him another cupcake. (Now the boys have small flags on sticks.)

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BARROW VBS

This year marked several changes in Barrow's Vacation Bible School. The sessions for pupils lasted ten days instead of the previous five. After several pre-school planning sessions, teachers studied their lessons together day by day after the pupil sessions. Regular prepared lessons were used. This, at last, set the pattern for Vacation Schools from now on.

Many families had moved from the village and missed the school. Some went to inland lakes at various fish camps. Others moved down the coast. Most who were gone, however, had moved to the duck shooting station beyond the Pt. Barrow Navy Base.

As before, the school had classes for teen-agers and adult women. New this year was a nursery class for 3 and 4 year olds.

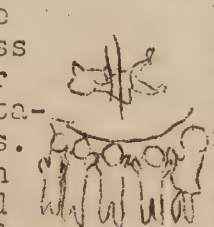
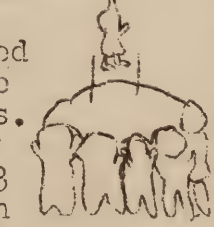
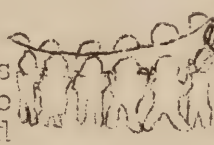
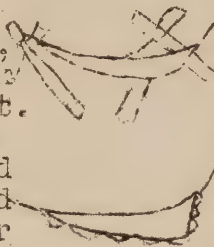
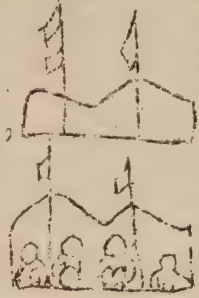
With the new sanctuary usable, the Bible School was split into two groups. The primary department was led by Elizabeth Ahsoak in the old church with Loraine Burdick as superintendent. Rev. Wartes led the junior-adult group in the new sanctuary with Bonnie Wartes at the organ.

Oh, the bliss of an uncrowded room! Still, many tables were tightly squeezed with pupils. Modern conveniences included tables for every class but 3 (there were twelve classes in all) made chiefly from the laying of plywood sheets across oil drums. Constructioneer George Burdick assembled the tables, benches and two toilets.

Flannelgraphs were used in all classes. It was hoped that this visual method would help to bridge the language gap. However, the teachers and helpers understand English quite well and most of

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JUNIOR BARROW BULLETIN



NALAKATUK

As you read in the last JUNIOR BULLETIN, this year's whaling was a big success. So the Nalakatuk celebration, too, was big. There were three celebrations, each about alike. Although Nalakatuk actually means jumping in the skin, it is used to describe the whole celebration.

In the morning, people began to gather at the place chosen on the beach or in the village. The celebration was given by a portion of the successful whaling crews who set up a frame and canvas windbreak and flew crew flags from poles--one pole for each crew. By early afternoon, many families were gathered for a picnic and visiting. Then children began to jump in the skin.

Several ugruk skins (perhaps five) are sewed together to make a square jumping skin about ten feet across. Along each side are large loops in the skin for the throwers to hold on. Ropes go from each corner to high braces and down to ground pegs that keep the skin above the ground at all times.

Many children or adults were afraid to jump, but others fought for a chance. Each climbed to the center of the skin while others grasped the skin loops. After a count to get everyone in rhythm the throwers flipped the skin so that the center threw the jumper into the air. Down went the skin quickly, up again, and the jumper came down in rhythm to go down with the skin and be flipped up once more. Many lost their count or balance, failed to land in the center of the skin, or failed to land on the skin at all. The sand was not soft and there were some minor sprains. It seems a matter of preference whether the jumper

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## MEADE RIVER

On July 17, Rev. Wartes and Mrs. Burdick flew to Meade River with the first load of supplies for a Vacation Bible School. The following Monday afternoon, George and Loraine were flown out with the two girls and other supplies in two trips. Bill is most agile at starting the prop and balancing on the pontoons. Flying is in his blood, to be sure! The trip was very pleasant. The tundra looks like plush from 1000 feet and lakes are closer than the squares on a checkerboard. As the plane progressed inward the ice on the lakes grew more scarce. Several landmarks were the Inaru River, Skull Cliffs, and Sinaru besides the branches of the Meade River.

Burdicks stayed in the schoolhouse surrounded by tents, sod houses and a few frame houses on the bluff above the River. The seven day afternoon VBS had an enrollment of 19. Each evening there were meetings for adults--a combination of VBS and religious emphasis week. There were choir practices, a slide show, and Rev. Wartes flew out Monday night with a movie on Arizona sheepherding.

Since the coal mine is very near, fuel was free. All other supplies except water were flown in.

Meade is generally about 10 degrees warmer than Barrow in summer and 10 degrees colder in winter. Mosquitoes arrived at about the same time as Burdicks did, and were quite a trial to all.

There are many varieties of flowers, eight yellow kinds alone. Small fields of pink and white dot the slopes with tiny specks of blue and purple in between. New flowers appear almost weekly. Even the rocks are different from Barrow--mostly a clay stone sometimes with white crystals on

the inside and coal.

Meade River Eskimos sing and read English, but generally speak Eskimo. Evening meetings had an interpreter but George and Loraine labored through alone in the afternoon. Many new songs were learned, with motion songs proving best liked by all. The older afternoon group did casting and painting in the activity time. When asked if they wanted to get some hymn books of translations into Eskimo, the adults said, "Then we'd have to learn to read Eskimo."

Meade had never had a VBS, and even the 2 year olds were enthusiastic novices. George's group met in the tent of a young man bedridden with TB. In this way, he was able to study with the rest and receive an award on the last day. He proved one of the best scholars.

The school closed three days early due to unforeseen circumstances. By the hand of God, we feel, the doctor arrived the second Tuesday in time to diagnose Frances's measles well ahead of breaking out. George was also growing a boil on his knee, so an SOS was sent to Bill who brought the group home on Wednesday afternoon as Frances began to measles. How we pray that we have not spread measles to Meade!

## SEMINAR

Early in July, a National Missions Seminar visited Barrow. The group of 22 was a part of a study group visiting various mission areas in Alaska under the guidance of Dr. J. Earl Jackman. Although the group stayed only twenty-four hours, there was time for briefing on mission work, visiting the VBS, stopping for tea in some of the homes, as well as taking pictures. The women all slept on cots in the warehouse upstairs, but the 5

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the teaching was done in Eskimo. But everyone enjoyed the flannelgraphs and Loraine Burdick was especially grateful for it as she taught part of the nursery class in pidgin Eskimo.

It is the prayer of the whole staff that all who attended the school may have a better understanding of the promises of God that each night be willing to take God at His Word.

George Burdick was helper with the "Old Ladies' Class." (The name remains, though we have tried to change it to something kinder sounding.) The ladies' project was the dramatizing of the Christmas story which George filmed. The ladies were very excited as they posed Eskimo-style. Parkas are most similar to the flowing garments of Bible times. Perhaps the Christ-child had hair as black as this tiny baby. Pictures of the story were displayed at the closing program, but the drama will soon be seen as a black and white filmstrip with disc or tape for sound.

Certificates and prizes were awarded at two closing programs: Friday afternoon for primaries and Sunday evening for the older group. Teenagers presented a shadowgraph of the Parable of the Sower on Sunday.

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men slept on caribou skins in the manse back porch. Mrs. Sadie Neakok prepared duck pie and whale steaks for all, as well as rolls, doughnuts, and several snowshirts.

## NOTES

Among July visitors to Barrow were Dr. and Mrs. Weaver K. Eubank from the Ninth Pres. Church of Philadelphia. Their late evening arrival matched Bill Wartes' return flight from Meade River so he took  
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preference whether the jumper twists and waves in the air or just goes smoothly up and down. There was applause for those who jumped high or many times and laughs for the less-skilled. The skin was seldom empty from early afternoon to late evening.

In the late afternoon the crews furnished whale for all: cooked meat and muktuk, raw or cooked. Everyone ate a great deal and took some home. Celebrating began harder as men returned from work at the Base at six o'clock. Children left the skin and the men had their turns.

Late in the evening came the Eskimo dance--with a row of drummers singing in unison as they beat on thin flat drums. Dancing is individual, but several may dance at the same time on the jumping skin, now lowered to the ground.

Photographers of all kinds were busy with cameras of all kinds--taking pictures and getting in each other's way.

NOTES continued from column 1 then up in the plane for a view of the Monument (where Will Rogers and Wiley Post crashed.) The Eubanks had ready helping hands and their visit was appreciated.

Wainwright VBS preceded Barrow this year. All supplies were sent from Barrow, but Rev. Roy Ahmaogak conducted the school. All went well, but four-hour sessions were necessary in order to complete all the work.

Beginning in early June, the village council made sand available to the village. Two haulers were rented from the Navy Base and hauled sand for all roads as well as any homes on request. Loads cost \$2.00 each and were a great help in filling up mud holes or covering garbage. Twenty-  
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five loads (no charge) were emptied around the church. Now sand is tracked in, rather than mud. A new sidewalk will soon be laid to stop this.

Many loads of sand were also dumped around the new school. Final supplies are due on the North Star. Then the school will be ready for use in September.

Next big item on the Barrow calendar is the arrival of the North Star in late August. Supplies everywhere are running low. For several months stores have been getting extra groceries in by mail from Fairbanks. Recently, people have come to the mission begging to buy flour and coffee. One wise woman brought a very nice pair of summer boots in just Bonnie Wartes' size to trade (she got the flour.)

Just before VBS, Rev. Wartes made a flight to Fairbanks to get the pontoons on the plane. On his return trip he visited Anaktuvuk for much-needed services. Now food and clothing are being assembled at Barrow for dropping with parachutes to this village.

The Tuesday Bible Class has had a July vacation due to VBSs. It will resume two-hour summer sessions in August.

Summer weather at Barrow has been cold. During the first two weeks of July, it snowed every day but three. The ocean ice pack was kept in against the shore by southwesterly winds and cold until July 19 the outer ice moved and July 30 the shoreline was completely clear, though the ice remained not far off shore.

#### NALAKATUK

Sing me a song of the jumping skin,  
With a one, two, three.  
Down to the earth and up in the air  
With arms spread out like a tree.

When I look down, a crater I see  
Waiting to swallow me up.  
When I look out, the faces stare;  
I'm falling, right down in the cup.

Down to the skin with a plunging swoop,  
Knees crumple down so low.  
My stomach sinks and my fuzzy eyes swim  
As up in the air I go.

Up in the air again, can it be?  
This time I'll fall for sure.  
Here I go down, my stomach goes up,  
For this I know only one cure.

This time I'll fall, quite carefully,  
I cannot go up again.  
My stomach is weak, my knees are the same,  
Ah, yes! I fall flat on the skin.



